

Oregon Joint Use Association Standards Committee

Minutes—May 8, 2025

Via Zoom and in-person

Chair Pete Kalnins called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Present:

Chair Kalnins, Chair
Craig Commerford, PGE, Co-Chair
Chad Altherr, PGE
Joshua Lightner, Central Coast PUD
Cody Mabee, PacifiCorp (calling in as 6058)
Sarah Monroe, Central Lincoln PUD
Wayne Ronke, K&B Tech Solutions

Staff:

Genoa Ingram

Not Present:

Chad Beam, LS Networks
Chris Barley, Oregon Aerial
Jeff Carlson, CPI
Alex Chaney, OPUC
Adam Deshon, Salem Electric
Leon Grumbo, OPUC
Jerry Pomeroy, Ziply
Justin Reynolds, Comcast
Robb Robison, OPUC
Jesse Keyes, Gary Lee & Assoc.

Approval of Minutes The Committee reviewed the minutes of the March 13, 2025, meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Cody Mabee and seconded by Craig Commerford to approved the March 13, 2025, minutes as presented. **Motion passed.**

Old Business

Emerging Technologies Chapter: Chair Kalnins agreed to send out the two presentations (drones and electric vehicle charging ports) for review and suggested a working group to compile them into a new chapter 11 of the Standards Manual.

Locate Wires: Chair Kalnins discussed with the Committee the placement of locate wires in relation to risers. The consensus was that locate wires should be at the base of the riser, not at the top. Pete suggested revising the engineering diagram to reflect this and possibly showing a “flower pot” next to the pole as an alternative. He will work on making these changes and share the revised diagram with the group.

Communication Worker Safety Zone (Antenna Attached to Street Light Mast): Chair Kalnins discussed communication worker zones and antennas attached to streetlights. The consensus was that if the antenna is mounted in the power space, the lowest power measurement for the 40-inch worker safety zone would be the power space. Pete also referenced rules (217A4) (239G1) about attachments to poles and conduit requirements for jacketed cables. He emphasized that the plug itself is not allowed in the worker safety zone. The group also discussed fiber storage loops, with an action item to involve the PUC in any revision discussions. Chad Altherr forwarded a photo.

Fiber Storage Loop Clarification: Chair Kalnins discussed the best practices for fiber storage, emphasizing the importance of keeping fiber service drop loops at the house and not on the pole. He also highlighted the need for proper UV-rated straps and spacers to keep the fiber storage in place. Pete also mentioned an issue with splicers placing terminals too close to the pole, in an attempt to make it easier for installers to access. He also noted that installers sometimes preferred to keep extra storage at the terminal rather than running it out in the span.

Chair Kalnins discussed the need for clarification on service drops and the potential for putting extra fiber in the span. He mentioned the possibility of using a snowshoe for this purpose. Pete also mentioned that he would provide new pictures to help meet standards and that he would share these during a future meeting.

Wayne Ronke raised concerns about the size of the fiber and its potential impact on communication spacing. Josh Lightner shared an example of a similar situation he had encountered.

Pete discussed the issue of improperly stored cables in the span, which he plans to address by taking them out and storing them in a snowshoe. He also mentioned the need for UV-rated zip ties and proper storage to prevent damage. Wayne agreed to look into engineering standards for the com side and reach out to clients for further discussion.

Wayne and Pete discussed communication standards and framing practices in regards to Pupi arm installations. They agreed that non-tangent framing with shared communication poles is not a common practice and that each communication should support its own load. Pete shared a picture of a balanced load on a power pole, which is more applicable to the power side. They also discussed the importance of framing the pole on the reverse side of the load to put the stress moment on the arm and not the pole.

OJUA Presentation at Annual Meeting (PUPU Arms): Wayne Ronke reported that he has not yet connected with Adam Deshon but will be moving forward on the communications side, including reaching out to clients and perhaps a representative from PUPU to participate. He noted that his experience is from the loading side.

New Business There was no new business.

Recap of Action Items

- Chair Kalnins to send out drone use and pole charging design presentations to the group for review.
- Chair Kalnins to work with engineering to revise the diagram showing the lower portion of the pole with the flower pot and attaching the locate wire to the riser.
- Chair Kalnins to get pictures of flush-mounted locate stations and send them to the group.
- Chair Kalnins to send pictures of fixed fiber service loops to the group this week.
- Wayne to reach out to communication company contacts for input on puppy arm standards.
- Wayne and Adam to continue working on the puppy arm presentation for the annual meeting.
- Staff to send out a reminder for the next meeting the day before.

- Group to meet at the Court Street office for the July meeting to work on Chapter 11 for Emerging Technologies. (Consider moving the next meeting time to 9:30 AM to accommodate travel times, if needed.)

Future Meeting Schedule

Future meeting dates are as follows:

- July 10*
- September 11
- November 13

The Committee meeting will continue to meet 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. until further notice.

**Note: The July 10 meeting may be in-person to focus on the emerging technologies chapter and the need for a visual aid showing wire locations. This meeting may have a delayed start time to allow for travel to Salem.*

Adjournment

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.